

119.

LOVE heard his prayer; and swifter than the
wind, (Like to a page in habit, face, and
speech), He came ; and stood ANTINOUS
behind, And many secrets of his thoughts
did teach* At last, a crystal Mirror, he did
reach

Unto his hands, that he with one rash
view All forms therein, by LOVE'S
revealing knew*

120.

And humbly honouring, gave it to the
Queen,

With this fair speech, *See, fairest Queen!*
quoth he,

*The fairest sight that ever shall be seen,
And t'only wonder of posterity I
The richest work in Nature's treasury !
Which she disdains to shew on this
world's stage, And thinks it far too
good for our rude age**

121.

*But in another world, divided far,
In the great fortunate triangled Isle,
Thrice twelve degrees removed from
the North Star,
She will this glorious Workmanship
compile,
Which she hath been conceiving all this
while
Since the world's birth ; and will
bring forth at last, When six and
twenty hundred years are past.*

122.

PENELOPE the Queen, when she had viewed
The strange eye-dazzling admirable sight,
Fain would have praised the State and
Pulchritude |

But she was stricken dumb with wonder
quite,

Yet her sweet mind retained her thinking
might.

Her ravished mind in heavenly thoughts
did dwell;
But what she thought, no mortal tongue
can tell!